for the LCA, as necessary. Secondly, a 'single window' for processing export clearances in the US Govt. has been agreed to. This is expected to reduce delays for a time-bound programme like the LCA.

(b) The general areas identified for co-operation between the laboratories are digital light control, avionics and light-weight composites for aircraft structures. The Laboratory from the Indian side will be the Aeronautical Development Establishment, Bangalore and the Laboratories from the US Govt. side will be the Wright Aeronautical Laboratories under the US Air Force. No decisions have been taken regarding US aero-space companies which would like to support the LCA programme in these areas.

**Explosion in the Office of Assistant High Commissioner at Kandy**

2060 SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI T. R. BALU:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an explosion took place in the office of the Assistant High Commissioner of India at Kandy on the morning of 25th October, 1987;

(b) if so, what were the findings of the investigation;

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the estimated loss of life and property?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The investigating agencies of the Sri Lankan Government have not yet reached final conclusions.

(c) The Assistant High Commission in consultation with the High Commission in Colombo and the Ministry of External Affairs have taken appropriate security measures.

(d) There was no loss of life, but the building of the Assisatnt High Commission was extensively damaged.

**Compensation for killed/wounded IPKF soldiers**

2061. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any compensation would be paid for the IPKF soldiers killed or wounded in Sri Lankan operations;

(b) what are the norms and conditions for giving compensation and whether they are applicable to Sri Lankan peace operations; and

(c) what have been the casualties on both sides, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) There are no prescribed norms and conditions for giving ex-gratia compensation. There is no proposal to give such compensation to IPKF personnel killed or wounded in Sri Lanka. The IPKF personnel killed or wounded in Sri Lanka are entitled to Liberalised Pensionary Awards as are applicable to war/battle casualties, the main features of which are given in the Statement attached. (*See* below)

(c) The number of IPKF personnel killed in Sri Lanka so far is 262, whlie the number of personnel wounded is 927. As per available information, it in assessed that 954 LTTE personnel have lost their lives during the operations so far.

**STATEMENT**

(a) The widows of the IPKF personnel killed while deployed in Sri Lanka are entitled to the following liberalised pensionary awards :—

(i) *LIBERALISED SPECIAL FAMILY PENSION :*

Liberalised Special Family Pension equal to the reckonable emoluments last drawn both for the officers and the personnel below officer's rank shall be admissible to the widow in the case of officers and to the nominated heirs in the case of personnel below officer's rank until death or disqualification.

(ii) *DEATH GRATUITY :*

Death Gratuity is paid at the following rates;

| Length of qualifying service | Rate of Gratuity |
|---|---|
| (i) Less than one year —2 times. . . . . | of reckonable emoluments. |
| (ii) One year or more but less than 5 years. —6 times | |
| (iii) Five years or more but less than 20 years —12 times | |
| (iv) 20 years or more. . . . . | Half of reckonable emoluments for each completed six monthly period of qualifying service subject to a minimum of 12 times and a maximum of 33 times of reckonable emoluments provided that the amount of death gratuity shall in no case exceed Rs. 1 lakh. |

(iii) *FAMILY GRATUITY :*

Family gratutiy will be payable in cases of death, in addition to the death gratuity admissible under the Death-Cum-Retirement Gratuity Scheme at specified rates depending on rank.

*DEPENDENT PENSION :*

Where an officer dies as a bachelor, or as a wisdower without children, dependent pension will be admissible to parents without reference to their pecuniary circumstances at 3/4th of the reckonable emoluments last drawn by the deceased officer, for both parerts and 3/4th of this rate from single parent. On the death of one parent, denpendent pension at the latter rate will be admissible to the surviving parent.

(b) IPKF personnel wounded while deployed in Sri Lanka are entitled to the following liberalised pensionary awards :—

*WAR INJURY PENSION*

War Injury Pension for 100% disability shall be equal to the reckonable emoluments last drawn on the date of invalidment. Where disability is less than 100% the amount of War Injury Pension shall be proportionately reduced but in no case shall War Injury Pension shall be less than 60% of reckonable emoluments in case of officers and 80% in case of personnel below officer rank. The War Injury Pension shall also be admissible when the degree of disability is assessed at below 20% at the time of invalidment or at any subsequent re-assessment stage.

*RETIREMENT GRATUITY :*

In addition to the War Injury Pension, the individual shall be entitled to retirement gratuity calculated on the basis of reckonable emoluments on the date of invalidment but counting of service upto the date on which he would have normally retired in that rank plus weightage of 5 years (total not exceeding 33 years). The overall ceiling on retirement gratuity will be Rs. 1lakh

*CONSTANT ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE :*

The rate of Constant Attendance Allowance will be Rs. 300/- p.m., irrespective of the rank, where admissible under the conditions as heretofore.

NOTE : The term reckonable emoluments shall mean :

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|---|---|
| For service officers : | Officers basic pay plus non-practising allowance (NPA) and rank pay, if any last drawn by the officer. |
| For personnel below officer rank. | Basic pay including classification pay if any, last drawn by the individual. |

*OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE :*

Financial assistance is admissible to the nominee(s) of the deceased IPKF personnel killed or disabled while deployed in Sri Lanka from Insurance Schemes in accordance with the rules of the schemes as follows :—

| Army Group Insurance Scheme | Death cover (Rs.) | Disability cover for 100% disability (Rs.) |
|---|---|---|
| Officers | 2,00,000 | 1,00,000 |
| JCO's/ | 75,000 | 37,500 |
| *Navy Group Insurance Scheme :* | | |
| Officers | 1,00,000 | 50,000 |
| Sailors | 37,000 | 18,500 |
| *Air Force Employees Group Insurance Scheme and Flying Pay Linked Insurance Scheme.* | | |
| Officers in receipt of Flying Pay. | 4,33,000 | 2,16,500 |
| Other officers | 1,50,000 | 75,000 |
| Airmen Aircrew | 2,16,500 | 1,08,250 |
| Airmen | 75,000 | 37,500 |
| NCs(E) | 30,000 | 15,000 |

**Expenditure on I.P.K F.**

2062 SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHA-KRISHNA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what has been the total amount of expenditure for I.P. K F. in Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): The IPKF operations are still continuing and complete estimates of expenditure have not been tabulated.